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1. The ABC (Arbeiders Bond voor Cultuur - Workers' Cultural Union) is an organization sponsoring the cultural development of workers along communist lines. Actually, it is the transformed RWN (Radio Weekend Nederland - Workers' Broadcast for The Netherlands), which was founded to encourage cultural development through the medium of radio and which had approximately 28,000 members in 150 local branches. The RWN was converted to the ABC in December 1948 at the suggestion of Paul de Groot, a member of the CPN Executive Committee.
2. The aims of the ABC, adopted at its national congress on 5 and 6 March 1949 are;
 - a. To train workers in Communist doctrines;
 - b. To form and encourage choral, musical and dramatic societies;
 - c. To provide lectures, movies, plays, concerts and holiday excursions;
 - d. To establish locally Workers' Art Circles, providing inexpensive entertainment;
 - e. To publish APC musical and dramatic works;
 - f. To continue the RWN struggle for radio time; and
 - g. To help all other organizations in arranging meetings.
3. The APC Central Committee is composed of the following individuals;

J. Berg. Resides at Enschede. Committee-member of the RWT's
Enschede Branch.

Theodorus Lambertus Johannes Fergschneider. Born at Rotterdam on 4 April 1900. Resides at Rotterdam. Secretary of the choir "Vogelrood" at Rotterdam; active member of the CPN.

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D. De Bruyn. Member of the RWN's district Haarlem-Kennemerland.

Thomas Busch. Born at Amsterdam on 23 June 1916. Resides at Amsterdam. Committee-member of the RWN's Amsterdam Branch.

Ierzel Cohen. Born at Rotterdam on 14 September 1907. Resides at Amsterdam. Central Committee-member of the RWN; on the staff of the CPN's Electoral Department, which was established in 1946.

Baltus Den Dekker. Born at Gorichem on 13 November 1916. Resides at Haarlem. Member of the RWN's Central Committee; member of the CPN.

Arie Emens. Born at Amsterdam on 22 April 1896. Resides at Groningen. President of the RWN's Groningen Branch; member of the CPN.

Jan Marten Gunneman. Born at Zwolle on 8 December 1920. Resides at Utrecht. President of the RWN's Utrecht Branch; conductor of the choir "Morgenrood" there; member of the CPN.

Berend Hoogeveen. Born at Emmen on 8 March 1914. Resides at Brunssum. Central Committee-member of the RWN; member of the EVC.

Johan De Jong. Born at The Hague on 31 August 1908. Resides at The Hague. Organizer of CPN's discussion-evenings; Central Committee-member of the Union of Socialist Choral and Musical societies.

G. Kleyn. Resides at Zaandam. Member of the RWN.

Johannes Gerardus Krug. Born at Rotterdam on 8 June 1897. Resides at Rotterdam. Committee-member of the RWN's Rotterdam Branch; member of the CPN.

Mrs. Narings-Bouwens. Resides in Limburg.

Siebreu Nuyen. Born at Schoterland on 15 November 1910. Resides at Beverwijk. President of the RWN's Beverwijk Branch.

Frans Benjamin Overkleeft. Born at The Hague on 2 May 1917. Resides at The Hague. Official in employment of the Posts, Telephone and Telegraph Service; during 1946 a sympathizer with the Revolutionary Communist Party; member of the Association "Netherlands-USSR".

Joseph Siron Pieters. Born at Amsterdam on 29 June 1900. Resides at Amsterdam. President of the RWN; member of the CPN.

Adriana Henriette Scheffer. Born at Amsterdam on 23 May 1891. Wife of Jan Gerrit Enno Van Gelder. Resides at Amsterdam. Member of the CPN; president of the Union of Socialist Choral and Musical Societies.

Arie Serlier. Born at Rotterdam on 29 June 1898. Resides at Rotterdam. Committee-member of the RWN's Rotterdam Branch; sells admittance cards for CPN meetings.

Klaas Staphorst. Resides at Amsterdam. President of the Choir "Morgenrood" at Amsterdam.

Teunis Twigt. Born at Bodegraven on 26 November 1915. Resides at Amsterdam. Committee-member of the RWN's Amsterdam Branch.

Johannes Albertus Vogel. Born at Vlaardingen on 27 December 1919. Treasurer of the RWN's Vlaardingen Branch; president of the Choral Society "Morgenrood" at Vlaardingen; member of the CPN.

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